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INSTRUCTION

6:270 School Counseling Program

The School District provides a school counseling program for students.^{[PRESSPlus1](#)} The Superintendent or designee shall direct the District's school counseling program. School counseling services, as described by State law, may be performed by school counselors or licensed educators with a school support personnel endorsement in the area of school counseling^{[PRESSPlus2](#)} ~~a staff member with appropriate certification.~~

Each staff member is responsible for effectively guiding students under his/her supervision in order to provide early identification of intellectual, emotional, social, or physical needs, diagnosis of any learning disabilities, and development of educational potential. The District may offer support to those students who require additional assistance.

The school counseling program will assist students to identify career options consistent with their abilities, interests, and personal values. Students shall be encouraged to seek the help of counselors to develop specific curriculum goals that conform to the student's career objectives. High school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to receive career-oriented information. Representatives from colleges and universities, occupational training institutions and career-oriented recruiters, including the military, may be given access to the school campus in order to provide students and parents/guardians with information.

The Board of Education requires that a planned program of counseling and advising be an integral part of the educational program of the District.

The Superintendent, or designee, is directed to implement the counseling and advising program.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a](#) and [5/10-22.24b](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.420\(q\)](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:50 (School Wellness), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or

Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:130 (Program for Acceleration and Enrichment), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:290 (Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention)

PRESSPlus Comments

[PRESSPlus 1](#). This policy's content is unique to the district. Please consult the author and the **PRESS** sample, available by logging in at www.iasb.com, to determine necessary changes. **Issue 117, October 2024**

[PRESSPlus 2](#). 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24b, amended by P.A.s 102-876, 103-542, and 103-780, provides that school counselors as defined in 105 ILCS 5/10-22.24a or individuals who hold a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement in the area of school counseling under 105 ILCS 5/21B-25 may provide school counseling services. **Issue 117, October 2024**